

Dear FCC,

I've been a loyal XM Subscriber and LOVE IT. My sister just got it and her fiancé will be getting it soon. The local weather and traffic is just about the coolest thing on the radio! Whenever I leave home or work, I can quickly put it on and get INSTANT weather and traffic. If I try and get that content from FM or AM, I have to wait 10-15 minutes for all their chaff to get to the wheat.

This is one of the reasons I PAY MONTHLY for this service. I don't mind the tiny ads XM puts on the weather/traffic channels but the fact is that I pay out of my pocket for this service. They aren't a public broadcaster or some govt run institution... it is a private enterprise that is doing a fantastic job!

One additional benefit is that my parents (who are thinking about getting XM) recently moved to Phoenix and would like to use that to get instant weather for St. Louis when they are driving here or just wondering if we are surviving the latest storms.

Satellite radio provides variety and quality that are not available elsewhere. Just about daily I try a new channel and LOVE IT... you should give it a shot. If you take away the weather and traffic channels, it won't make me leave XM and I'll still NEVER listen to local commercial-filled radio. I'll pay for my commercial-free music any day. Please reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and support XM's ability to provide the kind of programming that the public demands and deserves.

Thanks
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